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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Dalius Čekuolis (Lithuania), on the basis of informal consultations

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, 2003/16 of 21 July 2003, 2003/50 of 24 July 2003, 2004/2 of 3 May 2004, 2004/59 and 2004/60 of 23 July 2004, 2005/1 of 1 March 2005 and 2005/33 of 26 July 2005 and its decision 2003/311 of 22 August 2003,

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi;[1]

2. *Expresses appreciation* to the Government and people of Burundi for the successful conclusion of the political transition;

3. *Commends* the Government of Burundi for its efforts to consolidate the authority of the institutions concerned and to engage in economic and social recovery;

4. *Expresses concern* as to the high level of vulnerability of the population in Burundi, including refugees returning to Burundi, commends donors for their continued humanitarian assistance and encourages them to provide funds for the United Nations consolidated appeals for 2006, including the contingency plan elaborated by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for refugee return;

5. *Commends* the authorities of Burundi for preparing an emergency programme and finalizing the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper and its three-year implementation plan;

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6. *Encourages* the Government of Burundi to continue to pursue peace talks to achieve permanent peace and stability in Burundi;

7. *Commends* the Government of Burundi on its efforts to improve governance and in this regard encourages it to continue its fight against corruption;

8. *Commends* those donors that have increased their support to Burundi and calls for rapid disbursement of funds committed at the conference of development partners, held on 28 February 2006 in Bujumbura;

9. *Invites* donor countries and the institutions concerned to take part in the donor conference organized by the Government of Burundi to be held in Bujumbura in the third quarter of 2006, to work with the National Committee for Aid Coordination established by the Government to increase dialogue with donors, and to support the Government with commensurate means and resources, including where appropriate to consider providing direct budgetary support;

10. *Commends* the Ad Hoc Advisory Group for its innovative and constructive work in support of Burundi and welcomes the decision of the Peacebuilding Commission to address the needs of Burundi;

11. *Decides* to terminate the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi.

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